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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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1. EMBASSY APPLAUDES SENATOR BENTSEN'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT
IF, AS HE CLAIMS, IT WOULD EXEMPT FROM THE PROHIBITION ON
PREFERENCES MEMBERS OF OPEC WHICH DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN
LAST WINTER'S OIL EMBARGO.

2. WHILE REACTION HERE TO DENIAL OF GSP TO OPEC COUNTRIES
HAS NOT MATCHED THAT OF OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD THIS MAY
BE BECAUSE FULL IMPACT OF BAN HAS YET TO SINK IN. GIVEN
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GROWING ADVERSE PUBLICITY EMANATING FROM LATIN AMERICA AND

AS SPOTLIGHT MOVES TO WHOLE QUESTION OF TARIFFS WITH
BEGINNING OF TOKYO ROUND IT SEEMS SAGE TO SAY WE HAVE NOT
HEARD THE LAST OF THIS MATTER HERE.

3. DENIAL OF GSP ALONE MIGHT NOT BE SERIOUS IRRITANT
TO US-FMG RELATIONS BUT IT OF COURSE CANNOT BE VIEWED IN
ISOLATION. GSP ISSUE ALONG WITH US OPPOSITION TO IBRD LOANS
TO OPEC COUNTRIES (WHICH NOT YET PUBLIC) AND TAX ON IMPORTED
CRUDE ARE SEEN HERE AS BUT LATEST MANIFESTATIONS OF POLICY
VIEWED BY FMG AS UNSYMPATHETIC AT BEST AND AS DOWNRIGHT
HOSTILE AT WORST. MOREOVER, STATEMENTS ON POSSIBLE MILITARY
ACTION IN CASE OF ECONOMIC STRANGULATION ARE
UNFORTUNATELY ALMOST NEVER TAKEN IN CONTEXT
HERE AND THUS HAVE EFFECT OF EXACERBATING SENSE OF
CONFRONTATION.

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY VIEWS AS HIGHLY DESIRABLE
ANY ACTION WHICH AT LETTLE COST RESULTS IN MODIFYING OR
ELIMINATING A POLICY THAT FAILS TO DISTINGUISHAMONG OIL
PRODUCERS AND IS OFFENSIVE TO NIGERIA. EMPHASIS HERE
NOT SO MUCH ON ELIMINATION OF BAN OF GSP FOR ITS OWN
SAKE AS ON SHOWING FMG THAT EVEN THOUGH WE ARE UNABLE SEE
EYE TO EYE ON ALL ECONOMIC ISSUES, WE DO REMEMBER THEIR
UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY OF CRUDE LAST WINTER, AND USG POLICY
VIS-A-VIS NIGERIA
NOT REPEAT NOT ONE OF BLIND CONFRONTATION. ARGUEMENTS PRESENTED IN
REF B AGAINST DENIAL OF IBRD LOANS TO NIGERIA ARE ALSO GENERALLY
APPLICABLE IN CASE AT HAND.

5. WE APPRECIATE THAT DEPT. HAS NOT YET DECIDED TO GIVE
SUPPORT TO BILL. IF DEPT. DOES DECIDE TO SUPPORT AND IF
AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF MAKING NIGERIA ELIGIBLE FOR
GSP WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY USEFUL IF NIGERIA COULD BE MENTIONED
SPECIFICALLY IN ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES
OF AMENDMENT THAT MAY BE GENERATED. APPRECIATE BEING KEPT
INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON BENTSEN AMENDMENT AND ITS
PROGRESS.
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